

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 3-9 and 41-53 are pending. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-9 and 41-52 stand rejected as allegedly obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 6,324,394 to Vazvan (Vazvan) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,387,027 to Bodin (Bodin). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed toward:

A method of organizing a search for a service provider in a wireless device storing location information, the method comprising:
determining whether the location information is associated with a recently used service provider that is neither a home service provider nor a preferred service provider;
at power down of the wireless device, erasing at least part of the location information associated with the recently used service provider *as a result of the determination that the location information is associated with a recently used service provider; and*
at power up of the wireless device, selecting a service provider from a list comprising a home service provider and one or more preferred service providers.

Support for the amendment may be found in the original specification at, for example, page 7, lines 8-19, and Fig. 5.

Vazvan and Bodin do not, singularly or in combination, teach or suggest the method of claim 1. For example, Vazvan fails to teach determining whether location information is associated with a recently used service provider that is neither a home service provider nor a preferred service provider. Vazvan teaches a temporary home operator. See col. 7, lines 51-55. However, Vazvan does not classify home service providers among the following three groups: home service providers, preferred service providers, and non-home, non-preferred service providers. Accordingly, Vazvan is silent as to determining whether location information is associated with such service provider groups. Vazvan is likewise silent concerning erasing location information based on this determination. Instead, Vazvan teaches assigning a mobile terminal a new TN when a user or a mobile terminal selects another network. See col. 5, lines 9-

13. Additionally, Vazvan is silent concerning, at power up of a wireless device, selecting a service provider from a list comprising home service providers and preferred providers.

Bodin does not overcome the deficiencies of Vazvan. For example, Bodin teaches a home Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) and a visited PLMN (see col. 1, lines 17-21), but does not teach a home service provider, a preferred service provider, and a non-home, non-preferred service provider.

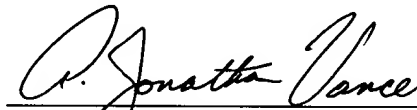
For at least these reasons, claim 1 is not obvious over Vazvan in view of Bodin. Claims 3-9 and 41-53 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the reasons stated above in support of their parent claim, as well as for the unique combinations of features recited therein. The rejection should be withdrawn, and such action is respectfully requested.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and action to such end is respectfully requested. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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